THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The present installed capacity of nuclear power in the country is 1230 MWe from the six units in operation. The first unit of Narora Atomic Power Project of 235 MWe has been recently synchronised to the Northern Grid. Seven 235 MWe units with an aggregate capacity of 1645 MWe are in various stages of construction at Narora, Kakrapar, Kaiga and Rawatbhatta. A decision has been taken by the Government to locate additional four 235 MWe units and six 500 MWe units. Action on advance procurement of long delivery equipment and obtaining project financial sanctions for these reactors is in progress. With this, the nuclear power capacity would increase to 7050 MWe. In addition, a decision has also been taken to set up two 1000 MWe units of VVER type in co-operation with the Soviet Union.

(b) and (c) An Inter-Governmental agreement between Soviet Union and India was signed on 20th November, 1988. The terms of reference for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) are being finalised jointly by Soviet Union and India. Detailed site investigations are continuing. Preliminary activities for land acquisition and setting up of site infrastructure are in progress. Construction work is expected to commence in 1992. The first unit is expected to be commissioned in 1998 and the second unit one year thereafter.

International Conference on Plant Biotechnology

2615. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Indian participated in the International Conference on Plant Biotechnology, held recently in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof including their names, qualifications and the institutions represented by them; and

(c) the authority sponsoring them and bearing their expenses and the total expenditure so incurred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Post of Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi

2616. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Director, National Institute of Communicable Diseases, Delhi, a public health sub-cadre post under the Directorate General of Health Services, has not been filled up on regular basis for more than a year and that the present incumbent does not possess any Public Health qualifications;

(b) if so, whether concurrence of the CHS Cadre-controlling authority has been obtained to change the recruitment rules, for filling up the post by a non-public health person;

(c) whether the Union Public Service Commission has agreed to fill up the post by a person other than the non-public health person, without change in the recruitment rules; and

(d) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to fill up the post in a regular capacity, by a qualified public health person?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAFIQUE